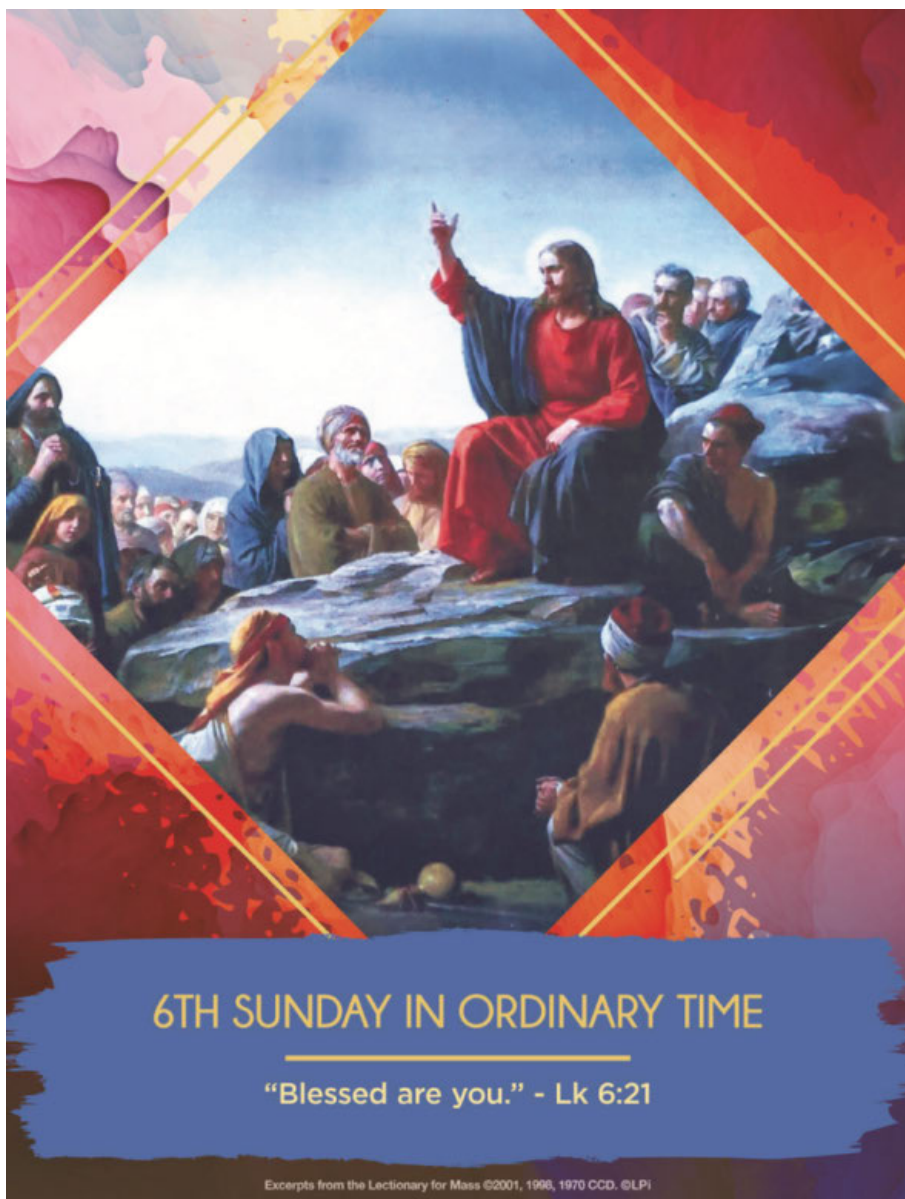




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February
16
2025

Pastor

Fr. Craig Loecker

Associate Pastor

Fr. Michael Swanton

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00noon, 5:30pm

Monday-Friday: 7:30am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:30-4:30pm

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Principal: Katie Chattin

St. Leo the Great Mission Statement

St. Leo the Great Parish is a faith-filled community dedicated to...

Offering inspiring & prayerful worship, Developing & maintaining quality, life-long religious education for everyone, Providing loving service to those in need, Celebrating the great events in our parish family.

Celebrate Mardi Gras! March 1, 2025 6:00pm St. Leo Church

Enjoy a catered dinner and music by Billy Troy. Billy is a singer, songwriter and Grammy nominated producer. He has performed as a Nashville singer and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. His music is from the 50's, 60's, 70's and beyond. His voice along with his passion for the wonderful stories behind the music bring great enjoyment!

**Tickets are \$20 per person. Please RSVP to
St. Leo Parish office with payment by
February 24th.**

This event is open to all adults!

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Parish Financial Update

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Donations Received February 9, 2025

Sunday/Holy Day Envelopes:

\$26,395.56

Sunday Plate: \$2,055.79

Total Sunday: \$28,451.35

~Our per Sunday goal is \$31,500~

Fiscal Year to Date Deficit:

\$-29,759.79

Building Fund Envelopes: \$265.00

Human Needs Envelopes: \$445.00

Fr. Osmond Computer to Date:

\$1,130.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2024 Goal: \$118,661.34

Received: \$105,958.37

(89.29%)

Deficit: \$12,702.97

**Thank you for your continued
generosity!**

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17

7:30am + Jane Chavez

Tuesday, February 18

7:30am + Jim Kelly

Wednesday, February 19

7:30am + Don Sutton

Thursday, February 20

7:30am + Ivor Gesse

Friday, February 21

7:30am + Mary Ann Clark

Saturday, February 22

5:00pm + Shirley Good

Sunday, February 23

8:00am + Mary Lou Janousek

10:00am St. Leo Parish Family

12:00pm + All Souls

5:30pm + Rita McShary

Presider Schedule

February 22 & 23

Sat. 5:00pm: Fr. Mike

Sun. 8:00am: Fr. Gillick

Sun. 10:00am: Fr. Mike

Sun. 12:00noon: Fr. Craig

Sun. 5:30pm: Fr. Craig

St. Leo Prayer Line

Call or email the following with prayer requests:

Jeanne (5pm-9pm) 493-0145

Kathy kw1209@yahoo.com

Parish Office 402-397-0407

or dina@stleo.net





This year we will participate again in an Archdiocesan program for Lent called **Live Lent Together**.

The program consists of small groups who meet weekly. They pray together and read scripture and share if they choose. Small groups are made up of your friends, family or neighbors. It is a great way to form community and to pray together during Lent. You can meet at someone's home, a coffee house, or wherever the group would like to meet. There is an online video training if you would like to lead a group. Let us know and we will send the link to you. Contact Randy at randy@stleo.net or 402-397-0407 if interested.

Please Join us on February 23rd as the 4th and Pre-Kindergarten grade students and their families are invited to participate in the 10:00am liturgy at St. Leo.

All are welcome to gather for a social after mass.



<p>St. Leo Men's Retreat April 5, 2025 9am-12noon St. Leo Church Fr. Craig Loecker, presenter Topic: Men of the Bible More details soon.</p>	<p>St. Leo Women's Retreat April 12, 2025 9am-12noon St. Leo Church Rachel Connelly, presenter Topic: Living Hope More details soon.</p>
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St. Leo Vacation Bible School
June 2-5, 2025
9am-12noon

Registration Opens
March 16

Faith Discoveries Book Group
Join other readers to discuss the book *Make Room for God: Clearing Out the Clutter* by Susan K. Rowland. Come to W1 to share your reflections. Questions: call or email lindaleary576@gmail.com or 402-350-1788.

“The Way” Through Grief
If you have felt the pain of sorrow and grief, Catholic Cemeteries is offering a grief workshop called “The Way’ through Grief”.

This workshop consists of six, two-hour sessions beginning at 10:30am on Saturday March 1st and running through April 5th. Through prayerful reflection with guided fellowship, we learn to journey in life from grief to the life our Lord wishes for us.

To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

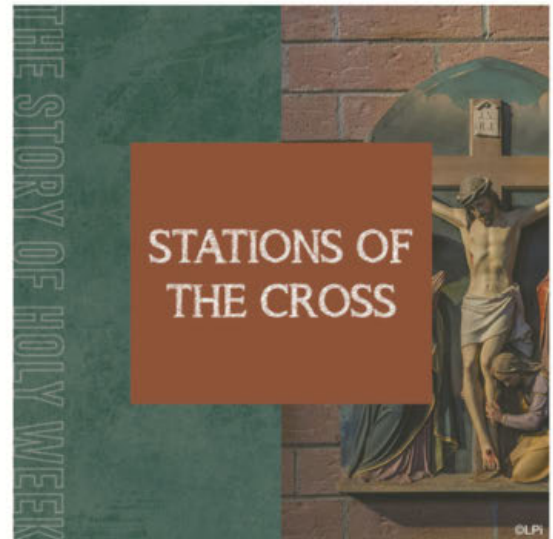
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;
Presidents' Day
Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart
in imitation of Yours.
Bless me, Lord, help me to see
people as You do, and to hear
their needs.
Bless me, Lord, replace my
understanding with Yours.

Amen.

This week, I am thrilled to introduce our outstanding fifth-grade team. Mrs. Riley Pietryga has been a valued member of our faculty for three years, bringing enthusiasm and expertise to her science and religion classes. Dr. Ann Adkins, with an impressive 34 years of experience in education, enriches our students' learning through her instruction in social studies and language arts. We are also delighted to welcome Mr. Jake Vavak back to the field of education after a brief hiatus during the pandemic. His passion for teaching has led him to SPSL, where he now inspires our fifth graders in math and



reading. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated

and talented team guiding our students this year. Mrs. Linda Walz who has been around SPSL (you may have known her from her time in Pre-k) found she loves spending time with 5th graders being their TA, the teachers up in the high-rise are thankful to have her support.

Fifth grade is the year when students are at the age when they are no longer in elementary and they are ready to enter Jr. High. In Math, we begin offering accelerated classes to those students who qualify. They are continuing their understanding of multiplying and dividing fractions and decimals, performing operations with multi-digit whole numbers, categorizing shapes, and developing concepts of volume and area.

In reading students continue with learning new vocabulary and reading a wide variety of complex and informational text to broaden their comprehension skills. They are sharpening their grammar in writing narrative, opinion, argumentative, and in-

formative pieces of writing. They also do that ever important research paper and speech for the wax museum which took place on Feb. 12, 2025.

Fifth grade is the first year when students begin to really start switching between teachers for classes. They get a real sense of what Jr. High feels like while still having the safety of staying within their own floor of the school. They only switch between 3 classrooms and stay in one area of the building. SPSL creates a smooth transition to Jr. High with this model. We try to keep class sizes around 25-27 in this grade level and currently we are full. If you are interested in this grade or any other grade for next year please call our office at 402-551-6667 or visit our website at spsl.net.



In Pursuit of Life, Love and Happiness

Deacon Jim Shipman

The theme for this Sunday's readings is summarized in the Responsorial Psalm, "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." Both the First Reading from Jeremiah and the Gospel from Luke, offer a sharp contrast between those who follow the Lord and those who don't. Those who fail to believe or follow God are cursed and condemned! Those who believe and follow God will be Blessed!

The Prophet Jeremiah preaches, "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD." In contrast he states, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the

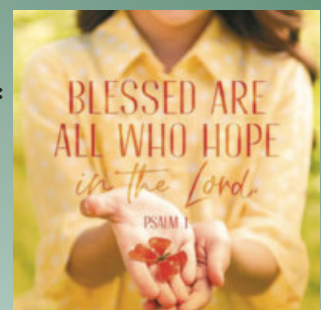
LORD, whose hope is the LORD." Seems pretty simple answer to having a joyful and blessed life, put your hope and trust in God.

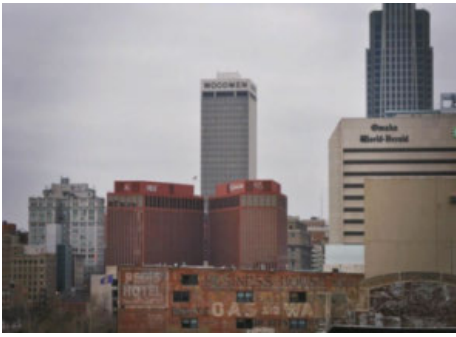
In the Gospel from Luke, we hear a similar teaching from Jesus that we hear in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5, called the Sermon on the Mount. This version from Luke is called the Sermon on the Plain which also has Beatitudes, but is called the sermon of woes. Again, Jesus teaches that those who are poor and in need will be blessed by God, over the rich and haughty. Then Jesus gives a series of woes, to those who are rich and live a life as if they don't need God.

The point Jesus is trying to make to

the people and to us, is that if we want a joyful, blessed and meaningful life, we must follow Our Lord Jesus Christ. If we desire to have an Everlasting Life, then we must live our lives for the Lord. When you just please yourself living for the moment with all kinds of excesses you are cursed as Jeremiah prophesied. The choice is that simple! Choose to follow God or be condemned at the end of your life. Choose Wisely!

Jeremiah 17: 5-8; Psalm 1: 1-6; 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 and Luke 6: 17, 20-26





Nicholas Andrews, Jerry Baggert, Mick Bayne, Ronnie Beasley, Todd Callahan, Bill Clark, T.J. Ewin, Matt Fadell, Tim Harding, Ken Kanger, Brandon Krajeski, B.J. Kreikemeier, D.J. Kreikemeier, Scott Kriener, Keith Lampert, Brendan O'Flynn, Michael O'Hanlon, Jonathan Rieschl, Adam Rokes, D.J. Roshone, Ken Rowe, Justin Rudloff, Scott Schendt, Brian Schmaderer, Todd Schmaderer, Dave Schneider, David Shavlik, Kenneth Shipman, Mike Smith, Joel Strominger, Aaron Tierney, T.J. Wurth

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Prayer for Those Serving our City as Police, Fire & Rescue

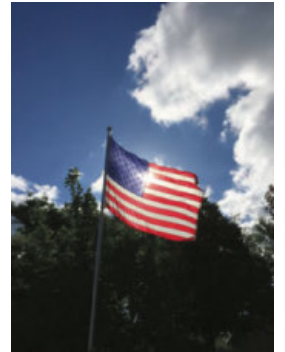
Blessed are you Lord, God of Mercy, Send down your blessings and your protection on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Protect them and grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. +Amen

Prayer for Those Serving our Country in the Military

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. +Amen

Scott, Ashby, John Banker, David Banker, Leigh Barry, Andy Bayne, Carl Benander, John Bergmann, Pete Bruening, Maury Champoux, Chandler Clark, Jake Dreessen, Drew Dunham, Anthony Fleming, Kris Fleming, Ed Fuchs, Amy Gerwitz, Amber Hagy, Jonathon Hale, Jordan Hammond, A.J. Hickey, Glen Hickey, Brice Hilfiker, Wesley Hulstein, Deborah Infante, Zach Juteau, TJ Kafka, Alex Kelly, Anton Deeths Kerrigan, Tristin Knoell, Brandon Kreikemeier, Daniel Kudlacz, Paul Lampert, Doug Langhorst, Andrew Leary, Matthew Leary, Madi Lorimer, Thomas Lorimer, Nick Lynch, Drew McChesney, Cameron McWilliams, Jessica Milbourn, Josh Navarro, Kaitlyn Hickey Oiler, Matt Oiler, Nathan Pence, Jacob Phillips, Eli Reichert, Joseph Reynolds, Karoline Rieks, Chris Rivers, Nathan Rokes, Ashley Sanchez, Jon Schroeder, Will Schroeder, Jake Schumacher, Ben Stokesbary, Spencer Swerczek, Brad Tomasek, Ryan Walker, Sean P. Walz, Andrea J. White, Nate Whisler, Matt Wolford, Maggie Yakus

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